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## **EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROFESSIONALS HONORED**

**Indianapolis** – Members of Indiana's emergency medical services received recognition for contributions to their profession and communities this evening in Indianapolis at the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Emergency Response Conference. Honorees included emergency medical technicians, dispatchers, fire departments, paramedics, emergency physicians, and hospitals from around Indiana.

"I am happy to see the service and dedication of emergency medical response personnel recognized," said J. Eric Dietz, Indiana Department of Homeland Security Executive Director. "I urge my fellow Hoosiers to take the opportunity to thank them for their service and commitment to their community."

Those recognized this year include:

<b>DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR</b>	Edward Froehlic	Franklin, IN
<b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN</b>		
<b>BASIC OF THE YEAR</b>	Bill Gregory	Alexandria, IN
<b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN</b>		
<b>BASIC ADVANCED OF THE YEAR</b>	Elizabeth Mundy	Vincennes, IN
<b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN</b>		
<b>INTERMEDIATE OF THE YEAR</b>	Debbie Schmidtknecht	Vincennes, IN
<b>PARAMEDIC OF THE YEAR</b>	Hugh E. Garner	Seymour, IN
<b>MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR</b>	James R. Nossett, M.D.	Brownsburg, IN
<b>PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR</b>	Joseph R. Morrison	Winamac, IN
<b>BASIC LIFE SUPPORT NON-TRANSPORT</b>		
<b>PROVIDER OF THE YEAR</b>	Washington Fire Department	Washington, IN
<b>BASIC EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN</b>		
<b>PROVIDER OF THE YEAR</b>	Albany EMS	Albany, IN
<b>PARAMEDIC PROVIDER OF THE YEAR</b>	Lake of the Four Seasons Volunteer Fire Force, Inc.	Lake of the Four Seasons, IN
	Sean Hutto	Carmel, IN
	John Trevor Perry	Indianapolis, IN
	Rural/Metro of Indiana	
<b>OTIS R. BOWEN HEROIC RESCUE</b>		
<b>AMBULANCE PROVIDER</b>		
<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD</b>	St. Joseph's Hospital EMS	Huntingburg, IN
<b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE</b>		
<b>FOR CHILDREN AWARD</b>	Riley Newborn & Pediatric Critical Care Transport Team	Indianapolis, IN
	Vic Mercaldo & Pat Newell	Portage, IN
	Portage Fire Department	

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**GOVERNOR'S CUP AMBULANCE  
SERVICE PROVIDER COMPETITION:**

**Basic Emergency Medical Technician**

First Place Mike Anderson & Keith Schlenz

Franklin Township Fire Department  
Indianapolis, IN

Second Place Robert Gaskill & George Michels

Schererville Fire Department  
Schererville, IN

**Basic-Advanced Emergency Medical Technician**

First Place Jeff White & Brian Miller

Parkview Huntington Hospital  
Huntington, IN

Second Place Wayne Blevins & Jerrad Ayres

Washington County Memorial Hospital  
Salem, IN

Third Place Matt Weiler & Phillip Baker

Knox County EMS  
Vincennes, IN

**Intermediate Emergency Medical Technician**

First Place Sarah Elrod & Kevin Pride

Southwest Medical Service  
Washington, IN

Second Place Myron Mackey & Luke Mackey

Knox County EMS  
Vincennes, IN

Third Place Elizabeth Mundy & Brian Ketterer

Knox County EMS  
Vincennes, IN

**Paramedic**

First Place Vito Palumbo & Grant Roberts

Elkhart Fire Department  
Elkhart, IN

Second Place Chris Fancil & Janelle Fancil

Syracuse Fire & EMS  
Syracuse, IN

Third Place Rodney Ousley & Corrie Hixson

Parkview Huntington Hospital  
Huntington, IN

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<b>Editor's Note: Pictures of recipients receiving their award are available upon request.</b>
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